



Austin

Independent School District

Office of Facilities

May 25, 2011

Judge Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County
314 West 11th Street, #520
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Application for License for Beer and Wine – Off-Premise Consumption Permit
6707 Cameron Road

Judge Biscoe:

The District has received notification of an application of a license for Beer and Wine – Off-Premise consumption at 6707 Cameron Road, which is within 300 feet of Reagan High School.

The District opposes this application because of the values articulated in the District's Results Policy No. 7, Health and Safety, as well as a belief that alcohol sales near schools is not generally conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 414-9841. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Beth Wilson,
Assistant Director of Planning
Austin Independent School District

Enclosure

cc: Susan Walker, City of Austin-Watershed Protection and Development Review
Anabel Garza, Principal, Travis High School



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WAIVER

Mailing Date: 05/18/2012

Case Number: SPC-2012-0069AW

The City of Austin has sent this letter to inform you that we have received an application for an alcoholic beverage waiver. We are notifying you because City Ordinance requires that all property owners within 300 feet, and registered environmental or neighborhood organizations whose declared boundaries are within 300 feet be notified when the City receives an application.

Applicant:	Armbrust & Brown, PLLC, Richard T. Suttle, Jr., 512-435-2310
Owner:	Speedy Stop Food Food Stores LLC, Carlton LaBeff, 361-582-5142
Project Name:	Speedy Stop Food Store # 409
Project Address:	6707 Cameron Rd

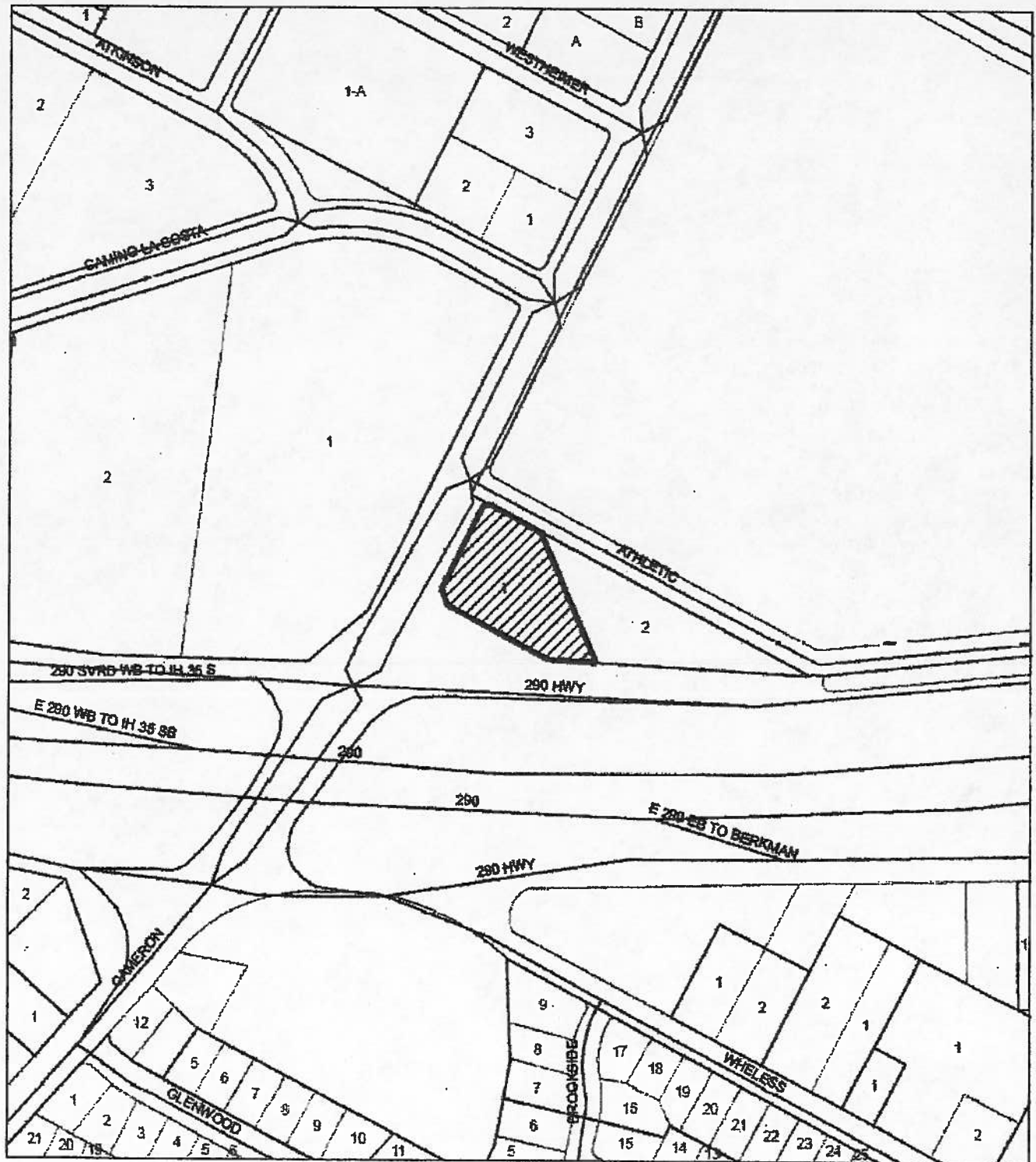
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

The agent for Speedy Stop Food Stores, LLC, Richard T. Suttle, Jr. requests a waiver from the minimum distance requirement of 300 feet in Section 4-9-4 (A) of the Austin City Code because they intend to sell alcoholic beverages at this location which is within 300 feet of a school, Reagan High School located at 7104 Berkman Drive.

This application is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on June 7, 2012. The meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street beginning at 4:00 p.m.

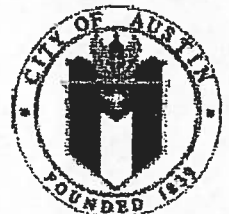
You can find more information on this site plan by inserting the case number at the following Web site: https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/a_queryfolder_permits.jsp. For additional information about the project please contact the applicant, Richard T. Suttle, Jr., 512-435-2310. For information about the permitting process, please contact the case manager, Susan Walker at 512-974-2202 or via e-mail at susan.walker@austintexas.gov and refer to the case number located on this notice. The case manager's office is located at One Texas Center 1st Floor, 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas. You may examine the site plan at One Texas Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, please visit our web site www.ci.austin.tx.us/development.



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 Base Map

CASE#: SPC-2012-0069AW
 LOCATION: 8707 Cameron Rd.



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From: notify [REDACTED] [mailto:notify [REDACTED]] On Behalf Of jeniwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: opposition to waiver to sell alcohol at Speedy Stop #409

Dear Ms. Walker,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the request by Speedy Stop #409 at 6707 Cameron Road for a waiver from the city code which requires a minimum of 300 feet between a business that sells alcoholic beverages and a public school (Reagan High School in this case).

I am a 10 year resident of the Windsor Park neighborhood. There are ample locations to buy alcoholic beverages in and near the neighborhood. It is important to keep the Speedy Stop adjacent to Reagan High School an alcohol-free environment. The students at Reagan High School have plenty of daily challenges without a beer shop next door.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Wilson
[REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Carpenter [mailto:rebecca[REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 7:52 AM

To: Walker, Susan

Subject: 6707 Cameron Road

I am against the waiver to sell beer and wine at 6707 Cameron Road.

[REDACTED]

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As usual we gather in the shrine hall for an hour in morning where we pray for every sentient being to have happiness and causes of happiness and those who are suffering at the moment be freed as soon as possible and furthermore enjoy peace harmony all the world over." - Kunga Choekyi (Tibetan nun studying in India)

From: Sammy Easterday [mailto:ebunny1[REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 8:39 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: waiver for alchol sales at Speedy Stop 190 and Cameron Rd

Please know of my opposition to allowing this waiver. I oppose allowing any sort of alcohol to be sold at this location, it is 50 feet from a high school property!

Ms.Z.Easterday

From: Donya Garcia [mailto:italia[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 9:51 AM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: OPPOSITION: Speedy Stop #409 waiver request

Dear Ms. Walker,

I am writing to express my opposition to the request by Speedy Stop #409, at 6707 Cameron Road for a waiver from the City Code that requires a minimum 300 feet between a business that sells alcoholic beverages and a public school, in this case, Reagan High School.

I live in the Windsor Park neighborhood, at [REDACTED], and my phone is [REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration.

Donya Andrews Garcia

From: EMILY LIVELY [mailto:emily_lively@windsorpark.ca]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: Speedy Stop #409 variance

Dear Ms. Walker,

As a neighbor and voting constiuent in Windsor Park I oppose the variance proposed for Speedy Stop #409 to be able to sell alcohol. Please consider the needs of our community and the safety of our children.

Regards,
Emily

Emily Booth Lively

From: Joshua Pitts [mailto:joshapitts@redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:45 AM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: 6707 Cameron Road - Speedy Stop variance

Hello,

As a resident of the Windsor Park neighborhood, I would like to voice my opinion against requested the waiver for alcohol sales at the Speedy Stop #409 at 6707 Cameron Road, near Reagan High School.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Josh Pitts
[redacted]

From: debra [mailto:debra_sistrunk@] [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 3:56 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: opposing alcohol selling

Ms. Walker,
I live in the Creekside/Coronado Hills neighborhood.
There is a request for a waiver to sell alcoholic beverages at the Speedy Shop at 6707 Cameron Rd (ID#16719).
I OPPOSE the request. There are a number of reasons for my opposition, but I know that you are very busy.
I hope that I am able to attend the Council meeting on August 16.
Thank you for your time.
Debra Sistrunk.

From: Thomas Butler [<mailto:tommyfbutler>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:33 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: Cameron Road Speedy Stop

Ms. Walker,

As a resident of the Windsor Park neighborhood, I would like to express my opposition to the application for a waiver that would allow alcohol sales at the Speedy Stop convenience store at 6707 Cameron Road. There is no legitimate reason this establishment should be exempted from a rule that was enacted to help preserve neighborhoods around public schools.

Thank you,
Tommy Butler

From: gloria neunaber [mailto:gloneunaber@redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:51 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: FW: [windsorpark] Support Reagan HS with a quick e-mail

Dear Ms. Walker,

I was indeed dismayed to hear that a proposal to allow a variance for selling wine and beer at the Speedy Stop at 6707 Cameron Road was already written. If the City of Austin allows this waiver, it would be a real disservice to the community and students at Reagan High School. We have successfully fought variances like this in our neighborhood because the City supported children in our public schools having the safest environment possible. We have enough challenges with the neighborhood around Reagan without adding one MORE place that people can buy beer and then be at the Bus Stops and go on to the school grounds, often intoxicated. Speedy Stop, if they were a responsible and responsive business could figure out other ways to make their business profitable without doing it on the backs of high school students. And the City of Austin should support AISD and students in this effort and say that you will uphold the variance that was initiated for the very purpose of safety.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS VARIANCE TO MOVE FORWARD.

Gloria Neunaber
[redacted]

From: Mary Jo Powell [mailto:mjp2[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:43 AM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: Speedy Stop #409 at 6707 Cameron Rd

In general I am not opposed to convenience stores selling beer and wine, but it seems to me that this particular store is in precisely the situation the law was designed to affect. A store selling beer and wine within easy walking distance of a high school is not a good idea.

Mary Jo Powell
[REDACTED]

From: Shirley Rhoades [<mailto:shirley.rhoades>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:48 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: Exxon/Speedy Stop request for variance

I have lived in the Windsor Park neighborhood since 1962. My children attended Reagan HighSchool. I am vehemently opposed to granting the variance to Exxon to sell beer and or wine. This location is within a block of the high school. There are enough issues with the school and the neighborhood and the need for one more place to sell beer or wine is not needed.

Thank you
Shirley Rhoades

From: Mason Schoolfield [mailto:mason[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:04 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: alcohols sales and schools

I would like to respectfully register my opposition to the waiver requested by Speedy Stop #409 (across from Reagan High School) in regards to the sale of alcohol beverages.

I'm not worried about kids going over there and getting booze. I'm not worried about drunk drivers. What worries me is that this section of town is already seedy, and if that store starts selling alcohol right next to the school (I live in the neighborhood so I know exactly where it is) the foot traffic for people who come in EXPLICITLY to buy alcohol will increase. Consumption of alcohol on that section of the street will increase and the image of the environment surrounding Reagan HS will sink even further than it has already.

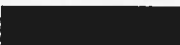
This is different than a restaurant that sells alcohol (La Palapa, for example), because if people are having alcohol with a meal, most likely they are doing it after school hours and can't just go there and get drunk in the middle of the day. Also keep in mind the cost differential between getting an \$8 margarita at a sit down restaurant (that you cannot take off premises) vs. a \$2 tall boy of Steel Reserve that will immediately go into a brown paper bag and can be consumed anywhere. In my opinion, the potential for abuse during and after the school day is much greater when comparing take-away alcohol sales at a convenience store as opposed to an established local restaurant.

Thanks for reading my note, and thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mason Schoolfield
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Combs [mailto:clcombs@

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:10 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Subject: Sale of alcohol

I strongly oppose the sale of beer and wine at the Exxon station at 290E and Cameron Rd. This is right next door to Reagan High School. Much too close for the sale of alcohol in any form.

Carol Combs

Sent from my iPhone

From: Carlota Garcia [mailto:carlota.garcia@redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Walker, Susan
Subject: Regarding Request to Sell Alcohol Within 300 feet of Reagan High School

Dear Ms. Walker,

It has come to my attention that the City is considering a proposal to change an ordinance originally designed to prohibit alcohol sales near schools. Below is a letter I sent to all council members:

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing today about the proposal to sell alcohol across the street from Reagan High School. I live 1.5 miles from the Speedy Stop in question. Many members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (and several personal friends) also live in this neighborhood and have children that will someday attend Reagan.

I support the idea of prohibiting the sale of alcohol within 300 feet of all public schools and am concerned about the impact of liquor sales on a neighborhood like ours. Every morning, I see many children walking to school (Blanton Elementary, Harris Elementary and Reagan High) with their parents. I also see many children and teenagers walking by themselves. The unaccompanied youth are the ones that most concern me.

Every school day, on Berkman Street, these children pass the homes of two sex offenders. On one occasion I found a hypodermic needle on the sidewalk by my house. On another, there was a used condom. I removed both these items after 8:30am -- after dozens of children had already passed through.

Success in school requires relief from distractions like these. And it requires relief from the distraction of alcohol. While maintaining the current ordinance prohibiting sales within 300 feet will not prevent \*all\* youth from drinking underage, I think it will go a long way towards keeping most kids away from the temptation. It will go a long way towards keeping these kids from too easy access to alcohol.

When the proposal come up on Thursday I hope that you will vote against it.

Can you please tell me how you plan to vote?

Sincerely,

Carlota Garcia  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
Austin Interfaith

**From:** Shanda Sansing [mailto:s\_sansing@ ]

**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 1:24 PM

**To:** Walker, Susan

**Subject:** Speedy Stop #409

Hi Susan,

I understand that you are the case manager for an item of interest to me. This is to let you know that I oppose the waiver to allow Speedy Stop #409, which is across the street from Reagan High School, to sell alcohol. Please let me know if you have questions regarding this email.

Thanks,

Shanda

Shanda Sansing  
[REDACTED]

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From: **Sterling Lands II** <[slands2@g](mailto:slands2@g)>

Date: Thu, Aug 9, 2012 at 9:20 PM

Subject: Item #93 - City Code Section 4-9-4

To: [lee.leffingwell@austintexas.gov](mailto:lee.leffingwell@austintexas.gov), [chris.riley@austintexas.gov](mailto:chris.riley@austintexas.gov),  
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**There is an item on the Austin City Council Agenda that affects the safety, well-being and learning of the students of Reagan H.S. and the middle and elementary school students from that feeder pattern.**

**Item # 93 as listed on the City Council Draft agenda for August 16, 2012 reads as follows:**

**Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution regarding a request by Speedy Shop Food Store #409, located at 6707 Cameron Rd., for a waiver from the distance requirement of City Code Section 4-9-4 which requires a minimum of 300 feet between a business that sells alcoholic beverages and a public school.**

**I along with the community in which I pastor oppose any action taken by the Council that would make possible the selling of alcohol to minors within 300 ft. of a public school.**

**We respectfully request that you remove this item from consideration and abide by existing ordinances to protect our children**

**Sincerely, Sterling Lands II, Sr. Pastor, Greater Calvary Bible Church [REDACTED], Austin, Texas 78723**